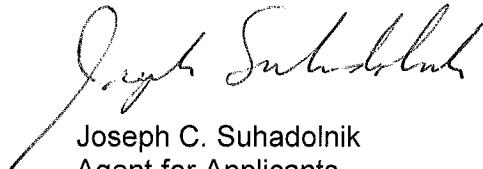


### Remarks

Please replace the non-compliant amended claims of Applicants previously submitted reply with the instantly submitted amended claims. The errors to claims 1, 15 and 16 identified in the present Notice are no longer present. The present amendments are fully consistant with the remarks of the previous reply and are intended to replace only that section of the previous reply deemed non-compliant as the remainder of the reply is believed to be proper.

Applicants' agent apologizes for the cited errors and for any inconvenience caused by their presence. Consideration of the instant claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

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